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SUBJECT Use of Tax Levies to Close Down Privately Owned Food and Confectionary Stores and Restaurants in Bucharest

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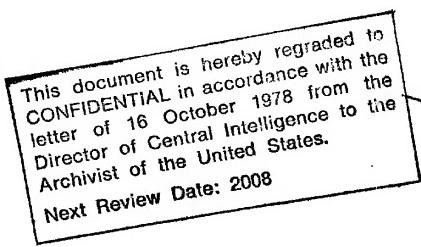
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1. Every two weeks the Rumanian Workers Party official in charge of cadres at the Ministry of Health issues to the Bucharest "Committee of Health Personnel" lists of those food stores which are to be closed during the ensuing fortnight. Such stores are then inspected and, on the pretext that health regulations have been violated, the proprietor is fined from 5 to 10,000 lei, payable within twenty-four hours under penalty of closure of his store. If payment is made, another inspection is undertaken one week later and a fine ranging from 20 to 50,000 lei is levied under pretext of further violation. In the event the second payment is met a third inspection results in the closing of the store on the ground of repeated offenses against the health regulations. All appeals and complaints of the proprietor are rejected.
2. A fortnightly report on stores closed during the preceding period must be made to the official in charge of cadres.
3. It is anticipated that by spring 1950 all privately owned food stores in Bucharest will have been closed. Consideration is presently being given to the closure of confectionaries and small restaurants.



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